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IMPORT OF DAIRY FARM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of butter oil, milk powder and other milk products imported during each of the last three years including first quarter of the current financial year;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon;

(c) the effect of such import on the indigenous dairy farmers and milk producers;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect dairy farmers and milk producers;

(e) whether the Government propose to impose anti-dumping duty on these imported milk products; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Data showing quantity of butter oil, milk powder and other milk products imported and amount spent during 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000 is as under:-

Qty. in Tons Value in Rs. Lakhs

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000 (P)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Butter Oil	3461	2060.16	4311	2858.54	3629	3205.98
Milk powder						
(Skimmed milk)	670	412.14	1584	859.05	17252	9600.45
Other milk products	1045	520.65	421	514.88	N.A.	N.A.

P = Provisional
Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) to (f) Due to fall in international prices of skimmed milk powder during the year 1999-2000, the import of this commodity surged substantially . In view of this, the existing 0% bound rate of duty on this item was successfully renegotiated to a level of 60%, with a provision for allowing 10,000 MT of products as classified under Exim codes 0402.10 and 0402.21 at concessional duty of 15%, under Article XXVIII of GATT. This should now provide adequate protection to the domestic dairy industry and dairy farmers.